Dear Jerry, 3/5/77

Your mailing of 3/3 got here today, normal time, not like the last one. I do hope it is not full of irrelevancies and boastings because now I have even less time. I have received about 1,500 once-secret pages from several agencies this week along and I've not had time to read many I had obtained before. I now have so much that I'm having to let other things go to try and organize what seems important that is generally lost in the material that is of no value. It takes much of what you have called my patient work. The volume is not so greatthat if and when J.B.Stoner accepts my invitation to come here and see it I'll be able to show him only what I've made extra copies of. So please take my word for a change, I've told you the truth, I've not exaggerated, I've not been bad-mouthing and I really am now ready to be what can get Jimmy out if I only have time to work it all up. It can help John, too. Remember, I have no means and no help and have to do everything myself. So please drop the stuff that makes no difference.

You begin by again referring to "them exhibits." I sent you back 100% of what was in that envelope. If it is some other records will you for God's sake tell me what they are? I did return all you sent me. It was still in the envelope in which you mailed it when I gave it to Jim for copying. Because I gave that all back I have no way of knowing what in the world you are talking about.

You know nothing about the committee, you understand nothing about it and you do not begin to know what the basic fact is. You say that the whore who started the committee was defeated for ~~xxxx~~ reelection. All wrong. He was one of the most respected of conservatives. He decided long ago to retire although his re-election was certain. Seven of his former staff including two lightweights I know are on the commitee staff, at inflated ~~xxxxxx~~ salaries. There is now a new story, that Sprague interviewed a pretty woman who had worked part-time for Gonzalez. He asked her only how much Gonzalez had paid her. She told him. He did not say well, you are out of a job so how much will you take. He said okay, I'll give you 15% more. Does this sound like seriousness or sex, which is what the first reporter who got a list of the staff and the salaries told me about another woman just out of college at an enormous salary.

I'm glad you have a good opinion of Bell. I knew nothing of him. But he may well now be Jimmy's real hope because the Levi people dumped a pile of real manure on him and put him in a delicate political position. Jim thinks that he personally as distinguished from the bureaucrats he inherited may have no real choice with what we can now put in his hands.Of which you know nothing.

Once again I'm not writing a book about you and I can't listen to a tape and record over it while I'm listening to it, as even a bird-brain like you should be able to understand. I sit with the paper in the typewriter, listen to what you say and stop the tape and respond to what you have just said if it is worth trying to tell you about. About things like Reagan I say nothing, as you know. It may be a waste of time to try and tell you what is real. It has been in the past. But I do try and you just can't get off an ego-trip and an exalted opinion of yourself that may yet wreck you as this same kind of thing has ruined Jimmy. So knock off the pretending that you are Evans and Novak and stick to what relates to the case because this is a crucial time. I'm telling you again that unless you learn that being a good nightwatchman is a worthwhile thing and pretending to be a public-relations genius is stupid for you you may wind up with years behind wall to think about it and with Jimmy lost forever from some kind of clawing.

I never realized how stupid you really are. Why do you think I've giving you leads on the informers on you that you call bullshit. Do you really want to go to jail on another frame? Do you not realize that this is part of the framing of Jimmy and John? Can you imagine any possible interest this could be to me personally?

You can't even talk straight about the Lou Gordon show, I suppose part of your dreams about yourself. You say it was ~~x~~ 50-50 between good and bad and then you say there was nothing bad and it was all good, that it got truth and fact out.

Once again on the files on you I have no personal interest in them and I have not asked you to pay for them as I have never asked you to pay for anything I have done for Jimmy, and you well know it. You have a right to privacy and I have no interest in intruding on that. It is because they can't give personal files on you to anyone that I raised the question with you. If I can get them they will have in them what they did to and about you over Jimmy. You were nothing to them without this Jimmy angle. It means more work, trouble and cost to me. The only reason I raised this is because it might be the opening of what they are still keeping secret on how they set Jimmy up. Why don't you talk this over with someone like Stoner? If there is anything in them that is nasty about you I will not let anyone else have it and I've already told you I am not going to write about you. Why should I? Who gives a damn about you except a few people who know you? Get down to earth while you have time.

All of what you say at the end except about Griffin Bell is really sick. It is not even stupid. It is lower than that. But what can you tell Griffing Bell? What can you say about even McMillan that you can't have your guts opened up over when you admit that you tried to play games with him and deliberately defrauded him out of money?

However, what you say about Bell is worthwhile, the only thing in all of this that does not belong in a toilet. There is nothing the "Sprague" committee could do for Jimmy even if it wanted to or were honest, and both are not true. But Jim and I talked it over as soon as we stidied that report. I told Jim what I can do by way of fact, not your baby concepts, and Jim did not even take a chance on the bureaucrats or the FBI being able to intercept a letter. We discussed on, he wrote it and he took it down there in person and handed it to his personal staff.

If you will just be a good shoemaker and stick to your last the Griffin Bell thing may work. He has a political situation than now can work our way. But even if he would see you, which I doubt, what could you do but empty a propaganda toilet on him? You know nothing about the crime. That is his one handle. We do. We do have proofs he can't ignore. He also knows that if he pays no attention we can do other things with them, as you can't except in your dreams. So for Jimmy's sake, your sake and God's sake stop mucking around. You have already done great harm this way and don't understand it.

Now where you talk sense is where you say the only way a guy can be tirned loose is in court. Right. Not by any committee, which is what I told you long ago. Now how does Jimmy get in court now? by yiur opinions of McMillan or of the FBI? You know better. Mark Lanes and Don Freed's fabrications no matter how often repeated? Not only do you know better but by now you have to know that this means you and Stoner are co-conspirators with the guilty Jimmy and on behalf of the FBI. So how? Only by what Jim and I have done. This gets me back to where I told you long ago that the conditions of Jimmy's confinement had reached his mind. I told him that I had enough the end of 1975. He just pooh-pooed it. He didnot even ask Jim, who was my lawyer and who could have told him. You did not come here when I invited you. I'm sure Stoner has told you that I invited him to, on the hope that he would see because he is a lawyer and would be able to cut off all this insanity on which you and Jimmy are engaged, what is self-destruction.

You say you told Evans that you would have to wait until after the 31st before you would decide whether or not to talk to him. That is not the story they are putting out in Washington and I have been told by reporters. You are down as one of their three supposed witnesses. (Of what are you a witness? To what you were doing at the country club or to the crime in Memphis?) What "hard-hitting facts" do you have about the crime? And how much of a hoosier can you believe to be conned by the meaningless words of an oreo who tell you all he wants is the truth? If he thinks Jimmy is guilty to begin with every nail he can drive into Jimmy is the truth to him.

Wise up a little before it is too late. And on the tapes, them only interest I have in them is protection, which includes your protection from your own childishness. So if you are too damned cheap to spend 30; for a tape, which is what they are now at Kmart here, I neclose $5.00 which will hold you for a while. Only with my money don't give me any more greasy kid stuff about Reagan. I'm int rested in winning for Jimmy, not Reagan.

Sincerely